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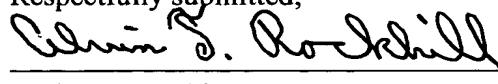
Enclosed herewith for filing a Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the Specification, including 20 claims, Declaration and Power of Attorney of Bertrand Guichard, Barry Wood, and Patrick Vongphouthone, for **FLUID LOSS REDUCER FOR HIGH TEMPERATURE HIGH PRESSURE WATER-BASED MUD APPLICATION**.

The subject patent application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of European Patent Application Serial No. 02 293 131.5, filed on December 18, 2002. The teachings of European Patent Application Serial No. 02 293 131.5 are hereby incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

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